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1. DOD PEACE PYRAMID TEAM ARRIVED FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11. WITH LOA'S. I WAS UNFORTUNATELY NOT ABLE MEET WITH GROUP BECAUSE OF INVOLVEMENT WITH CODEL PRICE, WHICH ALSO ARRIVED THAT DAY. HOWEVER, I ASKED AIRA, WHO IS HANDLING GROUP, TO EMPHASIZE TO TEAM MEMBERS THAT PRESENTATION RE RPV SHOULD BE MADE IN A MANNER SO THAT EGYPTIANS UNDERSTAND SITUATION. WHILE ONLY RPV IN DOD INVENTORY IS TELEDYNE-RYAN "FIREBEE," THERE ARE OTHER SYSTEMS WHICH OTHER COMPANIES COULD DEVELOP FOR EGYPTIANS OR HAVE PRODUCED ON EXPERIMENTAL BASIS. TEAM SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT GOE FREE TO OPT FOR SUCH AN ALTERNATIVE SYSTEM, ALTHOUGH THIS WOULD REQUIRE SEPARATE LICENSE REVIEW. ACTION WOULD HAVE TO BE THROUGH FMS CHANNELS. ON DSAA INSTRUCTIONS, TEAM PRESENTED LOA ON "FIREBEE" AND, ON EGYPTIAN REQUEST, TELEDYNE RYAN PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN INVITED HOLD TECHNICAL TALKS WITH EGYPTIANS.

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2. I ALSO TOOK THE OCCASION OF MY MEETING WITH GAMASY (AFTER CODEL PRICE MEETING) NOVEMBER 12, TO MAKE POINTS REFTEL. GAMASY SEEMED TO BE INTERESTED IN "FIREBEE," BUT SAID GOE MIGHT ALSO WANT TO WEIGH OTHER ALTERNATIVES IF THESE ARE PRESENTED TO IT. EILTS

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